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A cDNA clone was sequenced in entirety. The entire nucleotide sequence of DNA40021-1154 (encoding PRO285) is shown in Figure 208 (SEQ ID NO:495). Clone DNA40021-1154 contains a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 61-63 (Figure 208). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 1049 amino acids long, including a putative signal peptide at amino acid positions 1-29, a putative transmembrane domain between amino acid positions 837-860, and a leucine zipper pattern at amino acid positions 132-153 and 704-725, respectively. It is noted that the indicated boundaries are approximate, and the actual limits of the indicated regions might differ by a few amino acids. Clone DNA40021-1154 has been deposited with ATCC (designation: DNA40021-1154) and is assigned ATCC deposit no.209389.

Based on a BLAST and FastA sequence alignment analysis (using the ALIGN computer program) of the full-length sequence is a human analogue of the *Drosophila* Toll protein, and is homologous to the following human Toll proteins: Toll1 (DNAX# HSU88540-1, which is identical with the random sequenced full-length cDNA #HUMRSC786-1); Toll2 (DNAX# HSU88878-1); Toll3 (DNAX# HSU88879-1); and Toll4 (DNAX# HSU88880-1).

EXAMPLE 92: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO286

A proprietary expressed sequence tag (EST) DNA database (LIFESEQ™, Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Palo Alto, CA) was searched and an EST (#694401) was identified which showed homology to the *Drosophila* Toll protein.

Based on the EST, a pair of PCR primers (forward and reverse):

GCCGAGACAAAAACGTTCTCC (SEQ ID NO:502)

CATCCATGTTCTCATCCATTAGCC (SEQ ID NO: 503), and

a probe:

TCGACAACCTCATGCAGAGCATCAACCAAGCAAGAAAACAGTATT (SEQ ID NO: 504)

were synthesized.

mRNA for construction of the cDNA libraries was isolated from human placenta tissue. This RNA was used to generate an oligo dT primed cDNA library in the vector pRK5D using reagents and protocols from Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD (Super Script Plasmid System). pRK5D is a cloning vector that has an sp6 transcription initiation site followed by an SfiI restriction enzyme site preceding the XhoI/NotI cDNA cloning sites. The cDNA was primed with oligo dT containing a NotI site, linked with blunt to SalI hemikinased adaptors, cleaved with NotI, sized to greater than 1000 bp appropriately by gel electrophoresis, and cloned in a defined orientation into XhoI/NotI-cleaved pRK5D.

In order to screen several libraries for a source of a full-length clone, DNA from the libraries was screened by PCR amplification with the PCR primer pair identified above. A positive library was then used to isolate clones encoding the PRO286 gene using the probe oligonucleotide identified above and one of the PCR

primers.

A cDNA clone was sequenced in entirety. The entire nucleotide sequence of DNA42663-1154 (encoding PRO286) is shown in Figure 210 (SEQ ID NO:497). Clone DNA42663-1154 contains a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 57-59 (Figure 211). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 1041 amino acids long, including a putative signal peptide at amino acid positions 1-26, a potential transmembrane domain at amino acid positions 826-848, and leucine zipper patterns at amino acids 130-151, 206-227, 662-684, 669-690 and 693-614, respectively. It is noted that the indicated boundaries are approximate, and the actual limits of the indicated regions might differ by a few amino acids. Clone DNA42663-1154 has been deposited with ATCC (designation: DNA42663-1154) and is assigned ATCC deposit no. 209386.

Based on a BLAST and FastA sequence alignment analysis (using the ALIGN computer program) of the full-length sequence of PRO286, it is a human analogue of the *Drosophila* Toll protein, and is homologous to the following human Toll proteins: Toll1 (DNAX# HSU88540-1, which is identical with the random sequenced full-length cDNA #HUMRSC786-1); Toll2 (DNAX# HSU88878-1); Toll3 (DNAX# HSU88879-1); and Toll4 (DNAX# HSU88880-1).

EXAMPLE 93: NF- κ B Assay for PRO285 and PRO286

As the Toll proteins signal through the NF- κ B pathway, their biological activity can be tested in an NF- κ B assay. In this assay Jurkat cells are transiently transfected using Lipofectamine reagent (Gibco BRL) according to the manufacturer's instructions. 1 μ g pB2XLuc plasmid, containing NF- κ B-driven luciferase gene, is cotransfected with 1 μ g pSR α N expression vector with or without the insert encoding PRO285 or PRO286. For a positive control, cells are treated with PMA (phorbol myristyl acetate; 20 ng/ml) and PHA (phytohaemagglutinin, 2 μ g/ml) for three to four hours. Cells are lysed 2 or 3 days later for measurement of luciferase activity using reagents from Promega.

EXAMPLE 94: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO213-1, PRO1330 and PRO1449

A consensus DNA sequence was assembled relative to other EST sequences using phrap as described in Example 1 above. This consensus sequence is herein designated DNA28735. Based on the DNA28735 consensus sequence, oligonucleotides were synthesized: 1) to identify by PCR a cDNA library that contained the sequence of interest, and 2) for use as probes to isolate a clone of the full-length coding sequence for PRO213-1, PRO1330 and/or PRO1449. A pair of PCR primers (forward and reverse) were synthesized:

forward PCR primer 5'-TGGAGCAGCAATATGCCAGCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:511)

reverse PCR primer 5'-TTTTCCTCTGTCGGGTGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:512)

Additionally, a synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probe was constructed from the consensus DNA28735 sequence which had the following nucleotide sequence:

hybridization probe

5'-GGTGACACTTGCCAGTCAGATGTGGATGAATGCAGTGCTAGGAGGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:513)

In order to screen several libraries for a source of a full-length clone, DNA from the libraries was screened by PCR amplification with the PCR primer pair identified above. A positive library was then used to isolate clones encoding the PRO213-1, PRO1330 and/or PRO1449 gene using the probe oligonucleotide and one of the PCR primers. RNA for construction of the cDNA libraries was isolated from human fetal lung tissue.

DNA sequencing of the clones isolated as described above gave the full-length DNA sequence encoding PRO213-1, PRO1330 and/or PRO1449 [DNA30943-1-1163-1 (SEQ ID NO:505), DNA64907-1163-1 (SEQ ID NO:507) and DNA64908-1163-1 (SEQ ID NO:509), respectively].

The entire nucleotide sequences corresponding to DNA30943-1-1163-1 (SEQ ID NO:505), DNA64907-1163-1 (SEQ ID NO:507) and DNA64908-1163-1 (SEQ ID NO:509), respectively. DNA30943-1163, DNA64907-1163-1 and DNA64908-1163-1 contain a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 336-338, 488-490 and 326-328, respectively, and ending at the stop codon at nucleotide positions 1221-1223, 1307-1309 and 1145-1147, respectively (Figures 212, 214 and 216). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 295, 273 and 273 amino acids long, respectively (Figures 213, 215 and 217). DNA30943-1-1163-1, DNA64907-1163-1 and DNA64908-1163-1 have been deposited with ATCC and are assigned ATCC deposit no. 209791, 203242 and 203243, respectively.

Analysis of the amino acid sequence of the full-length PRO213-1 polypeptide suggests that a portion of it possess significant homology to the human growth arrest-specific gene 6 protein. More specifically, an analysis of the Dayhoff database (version 35.45 SwissProt 35) evidenced significant homology between the PRO213 amino acid sequence and the following Dayhoff sequences, HSMHC3W5A_6 and B48089.

Additional analysis of the amino acid sequence of the full-length PRO1330 and PRO1449 polypeptide indicates significant identity with notch4. More specifically, an analysis of the Dayhoff database (version 35.130 SwissProt 35) evidenced significant identity between PRO1330 and the following Dayhoff sequences, D86566_1 and NEL_HUMAN.

EXAMPLE 95: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO298

A cDNA isolated in the amylase screen described in Example 2 above is herein designated DNA26832 (Figure 220; SEQ ID NO:516). The sequence of DNA26832 was then used to search expressed sequence tag (EST) databases. The EST databases included public EST databases (e.g., GenBank) and a proprietary EST database (LIFESEQ™, Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Palo Alto, CA). The search was performed using the computer program BLAST or BLAST2 (Altschul et al., *Methods in Enzymology* 266: 469-480 [1996]). Those comparisons resulting in a BLAST score of 70 (or in some cases 90) or greater that did not encode proteins were clustered and assembled into consensus DNA sequences with the program "phrap" (Phil Green, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington; <http://bozeman.mbt.washington.edu/phrap.docs/phrap.html>).

A consensus DNA sequence was assembled relative to other EST sequences using phrap. A consensus sequence was determined, which was then extended using repeated cycles of BLAST and phrap to extend the consensus sequence as far as possible using the sources of EST sequences discussed above. The extended assembly sequence was designated DNA35861. Based on the DNA35861 consensus sequence, oligonucleotides were synthesized: 1) to identify by PCR a cDNA library that contained the sequence of interest, and 2) for use as probes to isolate a clone of the full-length coding sequence of PRO298. Forward and reverse primers